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## THE SHIP BUILDERS.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

The sky is ruddy in the East,  
The earth is gray below,  
And spectral in the river-mist  
Our bare, white timbers show.  
Up!—let the sounds of measured stroke  
And grating saw begin:  
The broad-axe to the gaarded oak,  
The mallet to the pin!

Hark!—Roars the bellows, blast on blast,  
The sooty smoky jars,  
Asfond; bright and fast,  
The fire-sparks, rising far and fast,  
Are fading with the stars.  
All day for us the smith shall stand  
Beside that flashing forge;  
All day for us his heavy hand  
The groaning anvil scourge.

Gie up!—Gee ho!—The panting team  
For us is toiling near;  
For the raftsmen down the stream  
Their island barges steer.  
Rings out for us the axeman's stroke  
In forests old and still—  
For the century-circled oak  
Falls crashing down the hill.

Up!—up!—in nobler coil than ours  
No craftsmen bear a part:  
We make of Nature's giant powers  
The slaves of human art.  
Lay rib to rib and beam to beam,  
And drive the tunnels free;  
No faithless joint nor yawning seam;  
Shall tempt the searching sea?

Where'er the keel of our good ship  
The sea's rough field shall plough—  
Where'er her toning spars shall strip  
With salt-spray caught below—  
That ship must heel her master's deck,  
Her helm obey her hand,  
And women tend her reeling deck  
As if they trod the land.

Her oaken ribs the vulture-beak  
Of Northern ice may peal—  
The sunken rock and coral peak  
May graze along his keel:  
And now we wind the painted shell  
We give to wind and wave,  
Must float, the sailor's citadel,  
Or sink, the sailor's grave!

Hur—strike away the haze and blocks,  
And set the good ship free!  
Why lingers on those dusty rocks  
The young bride of the sea?  
Look!—how the waves adown the grooves  
In graceful bustle now!  
How lonely on the breast she loves  
Sinks down her virgin prow!

God bless her, whereso'er the breeze  
Her snowy wing shall fan,  
Aside the frozen Hebrides  
Or entry Hindostan!—  
Where'er, in mart or on the main,  
With peaceful flag unfurled,  
She helps to wind the silken chain  
Of Commerce round the world!

Speed on the ship!—Bai let her bear  
No merchandise of sigh—  
No groaning cargo of despair  
Her roomy hold within,  
No Letham rock for Eastern lands,  
Nor poison draught for ours,  
But honest fruits of toiling hands  
And Nature's sun and showers.

Be here the Prairie's golden grain,  
The Desert's golden sand,  
The clustered fruits of sunny Spain,  
The spice of Morning-land!  
Her pathway on the open main—  
Majesty follows free,  
And glad hearts welcome back again  
Her white sails from the sea!

For the Herald and Journal.

## BOSTON AND PORTLAND,

Die—die, sir," was returned, "what is death to me? I am not afraid of dying. I have nothing to do but to make my will, and I can make it in two minutes; there are plenty of witnesses.—My money shall be disposed of" so and so, naming in a few brief sentences the manner; then stretching out his great arm, as he did on a subsequent occasion, he said, "Live or die, I will be bled." The gentleman hoping for the best, opened the vein, and took a basin of blood from him. Not satisfied, he stretched forth the other arm, saying, "I will bleed in this also." His attendant again complied with his request, and took from him a second basin full. "When he did this?" Samuel said, "the pain went away as nice as ought." On the bandages being adjusted, Samuel said, "Now, doctor, you have been made a blessing to my body, now I will beg of God to bless your soul?" So saying, he knelt in his usual hurried way, and devoutly prayed for his benefactor.

The surgeon on rising remarked, "I never had such a patient as you in the whole course of my practice;" and then inquired his name and place of abode. To which Samuel distinctly replied, hitching in at the close, "I come here to preach sometimes." The consequence of this interview was, that the doctor became a supporter of Methodism, and a chapel was soon erected in the place.

I could tell you how he became the instrument of salvation to a man by whom he was once flogged, and to the daughter of the latter—how he reproved wickedness in high places—spent his money for the poor—by his entreaties led the rich to build churches, &c. But I trust you will improve the first opportunity of taking him to your house, and you will find him to exceed the ampest eulogy. Many of you I know he has not visited, and as I said before, the fault is none but yours. You have been all along whining that the expense is beyond your means. This is a mistake, for I have seen at your table guests whose dress was gay, who were worse than nothing and vanity, on whom you cheerfully spent much. And you need not say that you have no time to spend with him, for though you are a man of business, I have seen you gadding and gabbling with the worthless; and if this will not close the argument against your objections, just look at that loved and honored guest there; yes loved, for he is sticking closer than a brother; your chosen companion by day and night; see the tokens of his presence upon the wall, the floor, the bed, and proof of tenderest embrace upon your lips. Honored as receiving attentions such as none beside can claim.

If Sammy Hick should make one visit, as the fruit of these few words, I shall be fully rewarded. And let all remember that Hick is associated with a large class of men of like precious faith, among whom are Bramwell, Smith, Stoner, Watson, Emory, Garrettson and Roberts.

F. A. CRAFTS.  
Columbia, Me., April.

Now what are the desires a wise man ought to feel after reading such an account as Mr. Adams'. After gratitude to God for the creation of such intellectual powers, ought he not to wish that these powers may be preserved as a source of blessings to mankind? Here is a boy, only ten years old, who rivals, and, in one respect, surpasses the profoundest mathematicians; for he solves problems in a twinkling which they must work out by tedious and pains-taking processes. Here is a boy, at the age of ten—an age when not one boy in ten in the country can do anything more than the simplest sums in the simplest rules,—multiplying, in his head, 18 figures by 18 figures, and bringing out a product of 36 figures, correctly, in one minute of time; and not merely extracting roots and making logarithms, but measuring the superficial and the solid contents of the earth itself, as a man measures a yard of cloth or a bushel of apples, and casting eclipses of the sun and moon. Should this boy go on for sixty, forty, twenty, or even for ten years, surpassing others of his age as much as he now surpasses them, what wonders of omnipotent wisdom might he not reveal? What unimaginable blessings might not his discoveries confer upon the race? But such results, we fear, are beyond the flight of the strongest winged hope.—The boy is doubtless foredoomed. Nature has given him a soul too mighty for the form in which it is enshrined. We are told that his constitution is "frail"; that his health is "delicate"; his limbs "small"; his eyes "indescribably brilliant"; and his countenance "pallid". And yet the revered gentleman who saw, and who has given us these indications of preternatural excitement and of an early death—in company with another reverend gentleman and in the presence of his father—examined him, "for the space of three hours," previously prepared questions of the most difficult character; and though the boy's eyes "rolled spasmodically" and "flashed fire"—though, at almost every question, he "flew round the room, writhing his body as if in agony," "whirling to and fro," and "twisting his limbs into a coil"—yet the examination was pushed on for "three hours," with as little compunction as is felt by an inquisitor when torturing a heretic. Who could wonder if, in those intense mental paroxysms, those swift revolutions of the machinery of thought, the centrifugal force had prevailed, and the spirit had elanced itself into eternity?—Who could wonder if, in that intense heat, the diamond had been carbonized, and lost its brilliancy for ever? Surely, while we sympathize most heartily with the examiner in his admiration of the boy's capacities, we must express a hope that no future visitor will ever be so dazed by the genius of this prodigy as to become blind to the fact that he has a physical as well as a spiritual nature.

We rejoice to recognize some evidence of good sense on the part of the father in his treatment of the child. For instance, when a neighboring bank offered him \$1000 a year for the boy's services in casting interest, the father promptly refused the offer. What a true first-born son of Mammon must he be who would turn such a soul into an Interest Table! Were he even accessible to such a man, he would kidnap an angel, and put him behind a counter to cast cent per cent, with a quill plucked from his own wing. Equally impious was the idea of hiring the boy for the purpose of carrying him about the country as show, like the learned pig, or like General Tom Thumb. It would be the basest profanation to convert such powers to mercenary ends. The boy belongs to posterity, to the race. Some rich man,—all rich men,—ought to offer their gold as though it were dross, to supply everything that may be necessary; first, for the preservation of his powers; that is, his life and health; and then for suitable means and implements with which, and a theatre upon which, he may act. His health is the first thing to be cared for. His books should not be taken away from him, but he should be led away from his books.

Did we keep our eye steadily fixed upon Christ, we should rise above the trials and temptations before us; and instead of so many fruitless at-

tempts to perform duty, so many doubts and fears, and so much reason for our Savior to say to us, "O thou of little faith," we should feel with Paul, that holy confidence, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

PILGRIM.

From the Age.

## THE WONDERFUL VERMONT BOY.

The article following was written by the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education, after perusing a letter in relation to young Saford, originally published in the "Herald and Journal," at Boston, in Jan. last, and furnished by Henry W. Adams, an agent of the American Bible Society, who had then recently visited the boy for the purpose of satisfying himself as to his wonderful intellectual powers.

The letter is too long for general publication in our country newspapers. It has appeared in many of the city papers, and presents the capacities of his mind in a far more true and just light than any account we have seen.

According to Mr. Adams' account, he went a skeptic—went firmly expecting to be able to confound him, having previously prepared himself with various problems for his solution. He did not suppose it possible for a boy of ten years only, to be able to play, as with a top, with all the higher branches of mathematics. But in this he was disappointed, and closed a long and careful examination, himself "confounded above measure," instead of having confounded the boy.

Many who do not sufficiently understand and appreciate his case, frequently blame the father for not starting off with him to the cities, with a view of exhibition; and it is but due to Mr. Saford, who refuses all such propositions, and we trust even will, that the just and none too severe remarks on this point by the Secretary mentioned above, should be published extensively, that he may no longer be annoyed by such proposals, and blamed for not accepting them.

What! carry Henry—that amiable, retiring, modest and most lovely boy—with whom we have the pleasure of a familiar personal acquaintance—carry him round from city to city, that he may be gazed at and his performances witnessed by vulgar and unappreciating curiosity? Never! Forbid it, science; forbid it, men of science. As Tycho, the Danish astronomer, on walking through the fields at midnight, and discovering in the northern sky a new star of surpassing brilliancy, hastened from the peasant group that were idly gazing at it to his instruments, to fix its place, and make observations upon it for the benefit of posterity, so let men of science now, when they see this truly dazzling and wonderful star in the intellectual firmament, disdain to leave it to the idle gaze of those who cannot appreciate it, but hasten around it themselves, observe its brilliancy, and note all its peculiarities, for the advancement of science and the glory of our race. Let them do this speedily; for unlike the star which the noble Dane discovered, and which, gradually waning, finally disappeared, this brilliant gem may, perchance, suddenly and in its greatest splendor, be extinguished, and its light lost for ever.

But to the extract mentioned above. M.

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It is but the faith of the Syrophenician woman that we need to cast out the evil spirits that so grievously torment us, to bring us to our right minds and cloth us entire in the spotless garment of Christ's righteousness. The life of the Savior when in this world was one of pure benevolence. How true the history given by himself to the messengers of the Baptist: "Tell John what things ye have seen and heard—that the blind see; the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; to the poor the gospel is preached." Such was the character of the physician to whom the poor Gentle mother applied for the cure of her child, possessed of one of those evil spirits that in those days were permitted to visit the earth. She came doubting neither his power or willingness, and with all the solicitude of a mother, sought the hiding place of Jesus. Her petitions were neither lengthy, low, or studied; she came and found him all, worthy of making the acquaintance of all, from peer to peasant. He has taken lodgings at 200 Mulberry street, New York, where he will receive calls at any hour of the day. From thence he makes frequent tours through the States, and has signified his readiness to pay a visit to every house in the land. All he wants is a proper invitation, even from the most distant and most unworthy, as I can testify, for in the far East he has entered my door, and a most interesting guest he was. My enemies never accused me of being parsimonious, and even if I had been the most penny-wary elf that ever but a raisin in two in making change for the widow's son, I should not have grudged the expense of his entertainment. In rehearsing his experience to me he said:—

"My eyes were opened, and I saw all the sins I had ever committed. I was like the Psalmist—I cried out like the jailer—Jesus was my advocate—I put in my case, and he pleaded for me before the throne of God. I believed that the blood of Christ was shed for me, and the moment I believed I found peace."

He is quite eccentric as a preacher, but the word from his lips is with power and much assurance. Once when preaching on the text, "The Spirit and the bride say come," &c., he expatiated on the value and uses of water, as far as common observation allowed him to proceed—passing from that element to the water of Life, which formed the prominent feature of his text, urging the freedom with which it was offered, and finally impressing his hearers with the importance of the subject. He told them, in speaking of its value, that he himself was unacquainted with it—that he doubted whether any of his hearers knew how to appreciate it, that he doubted whether there was a person upon the face of the earth who knew its worth—further, he did not believe an angel in heaven could enter into its merit—that in short he never heard of one who knew its real value, and that was the rich man in hell, who would have given a world for a drop of it.

In personal effort I wish our million were Hicks. Returning from Askern Spaw, he was thrown from his wagon, and so injured, that when raised from the ground he could not stand. He was conveyed with difficulty to the village; on reaching which a medical gentleman was sent for, who deemed it advisable not to bleed him, though urged to it by him: "I am very ill, sir," said Samuel, "and must be bled." The surgeon replied, "If you are bled at present you will die."

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The open air, the fields, the woods, innocent and gently exciting amusements, athletic sports, such as his strength will bear, should be his regimen. He needs a physiologist for his body, more than a tutor for his mind. Interchange of activity and rest, proper diet, daily abstinence, should be observed. He should be taught to wander by the margin of the streams; to breathe the pure air of the mountain top; and if he cannot otherwise be relieved from a proneness to this intense mental action, he should be sent under the care of some Mentor on a sea voyage, where the bracing air of the ocean, and the physical appetite which it gives, might build up his body to robustness and the capacity of endurance; where his spirit should be wedded outward, and fewer stimulants be applied to his excitable mind. Why are not the purses of the wealthy piled in a heap before him for these purposes? How can an opulent man satisfy his soul by hanging a dead picture upon his walls, or tenanting his room with busts of insensate marble, while such an ethereal, immortal essence—such an in-seer into the laws of God—is in hourly danger of leaving the earth, which is too besotted to receive him.

presented for calling out the noblest qualities of human nature, but the only developments have been infidelity, treachery and baseness. The Spanish race has become effete alike on both sides of the water; worn out and exhausted by tyranny, luxury and lust, incapable of anything great or good, or doomed to destruction for the crimes which for three centuries have called upon heaven for vengeance. There is neither national pride nor individual enterprise, neither intelligence nor virtue; and like other inferior races, they must melt away and disappear before the march of superior civilization, knowledge, energy, and virtue. Who will eventually supplant them, cannot be a question. The Anglo-Saxons have the fearless courage, the indomitable energy, the love of adventure, the inventive genius, the patient industry, the world-wide spirit, sustained and quickened by moral and religious principle, which carry them every where, make them at home everywhere, and every where plant around them the homes and institutions they left behind. The English language is to be the language of North America from the pole to the isthmus: in the Canadas, Prince Rupert's Land, equal to half of Russia, Oregon, the California, and Central America; and of course the English literature, with its science, its morals, and religion, with all the free, educational and religious institutions which dignify and bless our own and our fatherland.

Unitarians are thus inflicting an injury on their own position and pretensions. The anomaly is too gross to meet with ought beside general repulsion. They may summon in, as they can, to justify their cause, but even this must fail them before the coming remonstrance of a powerful public sentiment. Such inconsistency and injustice the people of Massachusetts will not always tolerate. Our Unitarian friends would be wise thus to see in season that they are visiting retribution on themselves, and serious injury on the cause of learning.—Boston Reflector.

THE DYING DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

Great talents, great learning, great wit, and great riches, combined with exalted station, have sometimes proved a great and dreadful curse to their possessor. This was most strikingly true in the person of the renowned Duke of Buckingham. He was the richest man and the greatest wit in the Court of Charles II. But his vices and extravagances reduced him to a most pitiable condition on his deathbed. Worn out by vices, and weary of the world, and with a dreadful eternity just opening before him, he wrote from his dying bed to Dr. Barlow, of whom he had a high opinion, in the following affecting language:

O Doctor, what a prodigal have I been of the most valuable of all possessions—time! I have squandered it away with a persuasion it was lasting; and now, when a few days would be worth a beatom of worlds, I cannot flatter myself with a prospect of half-a-dozen hours.

How despicable is that man who never prays to his God but in the time of his distress! In what manner can he supplicate that omnipotent Being in time of his affliction with reverence, whom in the tide of his prosperity he never remembered with dread? Do not brand myself with infidelity, when I tell you I am almost ashamed to offer up my petition to the throne of grace; or of imploring that divine mercy in the next world which I have so scandalously abused in this. Shall ingratitude be made to be looked on as the blackest of crimes, and not ingratitude to God? Shall an insult offered to the king be looked on as the blackest of crimes, and not notice be taken when the King of kings is treated with indignity and disrespect?

The companions of my former libertinism would scarcely believe their eyes, were you to show them this epistle. They would laugh at me as a dreamer enthusiast, or pity me as a timorous wretch, who was shocked at the appearance of futurity. They are more enfeebled to my pity than my resentment. A future state may very well strike terror into any man who has not acted well in this life; and he must have an uncommon share of courage indeed, who does not shrink at the presence of God.

You see, my dear Doctor, the apprehensions of death will soon bring the most profligate to a perception of their wrongdoing, and to remorse, despised by my acquaintance, and I fear, forsaken by my God. There is nothing so dangerous, my dear Doctor, as extraordinary abilities. I cannot be accused of vanity now, by being sensible that I was once possessed of uncommon qualifications; as I sincerely regret that I was ever blessed with any at all. My rank in life still made these accomplishments more conspicuous; and, fascinated with the general applause which they procured, I never considered about the proper means by which they should be displayed. Hence to purchase a smile from a blockhead, whom I despised, I have frequently treated the virtuous with disrepect; and sported with the holy name of Heaven, to obtain a laugh from a parcel of fools, who were entitled to nothing but my contempt.

Your men of wit, my dear Doctor, look themselves as discharged from the duties of religion, and confine the doctrines of the gospel to people of meaner understanding; and look on that man to be a narrow genius who studies to be good. What pity that the holy writings are not made the criterion of true judgment! Favor me, my dear Doctor, with a visit as soon as possible. Writing to you gives me some ease. I am of opinion this is the last visit I shall ever solicit from you. My distemper is powerful. Come and pray for the departing spirit of the unhappy—Buckingham!

ANECDOCE OF DR. CHALMERS.

The memory of this great and good man, whose fame is now transferred to a rival city, is warmly cherished by the people of Glasgow. They love to talk about him, and recall his old familiar form, as he walked thoughtfully, with downcast head, and in a dress common, often, as that of a day laborer, through the streets, and his Christian kindness and

For the Herald and Journal.

## UNIVERSALISTS AND METHODISTS AT CORINTH.

Mr. Edmon—in the Herald of March 18th, is a Universalist—said: "We are not Universalists," by Mr. Benson. The facts therein stated seem to have raised the ire of one Tuttle, a zealous defender of the Universal faith in all places where well paid; in consequence of which, after abundant labor, he brings forth what of his wit and wisdom fills near a column of the Unfaded Banner, a ready ensign and firm defender of infidelity's host in this region.

We wish to review briefly, this communication, commencing with its first sentence, and continuing, leaving item by item, which he challenges. Mr. Benson to do himself of falsehood) for Br. Benson's remarks. It reads thus: "There are, your statements to the contrary notwithstanding, a large number (referring to Methodists who), if they do not tremble in the presence of the priest, and speak a different language, are perfectly willing for us to preach in their house." This statement I unqualifiedly deny of the truth of, and demand the proof. In one of the Methods of Corinth, and others for the rest, we find nothing whatever with Universalists. We consider it a dreadful heresy, a fatal delusion, endangering the present good of society, and the eternal interests of its followers. We believe that a vivid description is given of their preachers in Jeremiah sixth, from the thirteenth to the fifteenth, inclusive.

We would as soon open our house for the purpose of the exhibition of theatrical plays, as for the proclaiming of this soul destroying doctrine. We speak one language with regard to this. "The plain English, no Greek or Hebrew. We can open our houses for the tremble under the name of no priest, Universalist or Papist; but can ourselves give reasons for our faith, as Mr. Tuttle can testify. Now we ask this Mr. Tuttle for one, two or three, of the names of this large number of willing Methodists, and leave him in an untenable position before the public until they are produced. We caution him not to bring forth excluded members, or those withdrawn from the church."

The second part of his heterogeneous mass which I would notice, is the introduction of a private note from Br. Benson, written with a pencil in great haste, which was so altered as to make it appear perfectly ridiculous, though it might be the production of a mere school boy. That he or some one else altered it appears evident. It is made to read thus: "To the rev. Mr. Tuttle dear sir &c.; and in closing, yours in hast." They doubtless thought that if reverend was to be applied to him, it ought to commence with little r, and think it so too, if there can be correspondence with the appellation and the character of the individual.

In this alteration I commend their consistency—The others were no doubt intended as a slur and an insult. Very well. It was J. L. Tuttle that offered it; and how much of a man or gentleman he can be! I leave others to judge from this circumstance: that he introduced a private note, written in haste, into a public print, altered, without the knowledge or consent of the author. Br. Benson has a good English education. He does not profess to have so profound a knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew as Mr. Tuttle, who can correct almost any portion of the present English version of the Bible (?) to prove his doc-

He is shown up in the Banner, that emblem of human depravity, by this apology for a man, as an ignoramus. In his final letter to Br. Benson (which is doubtless intended for the press,) he discourses so mightily of "primitive Christianity, illiteracy of the Methodists, (T) light, the light, priest, pope, fear, liberal principles, fitters of superstition, chains of error, shackles of bigotry, blazes of gospel light, intolerance, being overawed, enlightened, &c. &c. and to show that they were ignorant of an old Universalist tale, now modified. O eloquence! He boasts of having preached in Methodist meeting houses, and to congregations more than half Methodist, but it was not in Corinth. It was probably on some funeral occasion. If this Mr. Tuttle chooses to say more, the public can judge of the worth of his statements. We shall leave him to hurl his deadly intended, but inoffensive missiles, and to deal in his native acrimony and vituperations; passing whatever he may say in future, with deserved contempt; praying the Lord to have mercy on his poor dark soul. We give way to a further delineation of his character, by Br. Benson.

AUGUSTINE.

Thursday Morning.—Conference opened with usual devotional exercises.

Z. A. Mudge, C. K. True and S. Cushing were appointed a committee to superintend the publishing of the Conference Minutes.

I. A. Savage and Wm. Rice were added to the committee on Memoirs.

Joseph Whitman was appointed as second assistant Secretary.

Thomas Marcy continued superannuated.

The following brethren were received in full connection: Loranus Crowell, J. P. Collier, C. L. Eastman, John T. Petee, R. S. Rust, N. E. Cobleigh, J. H. Twombly, R. P. Buffington, Wm. Bardwell, Samuel Turner, Wm. A. Braman, Daniel E. Chapin, W. R. Clark.

The candidates were called to the altar, and addressed in substance as follows, by the Bishop.

This important office is not self-imposed; neither can any church or ecclesiastical body impose it upon us. The minister is called of God. The church is dependent in a great measure for its vitality upon the ministry. "Like priest, like people." As to the position and declare that he did not take the appointment. We give him due credit for his own words, as published in the Banner. "One evening when I preached at the Mills, Dr. Jackson requested me to preach one Sabbath at East Corinth; and informed me that 'the Methodists were willing for the Universalists to occupy their house one-fourth of the Sabbath.' This conversion took place after we had returned from meeting to Dr. Jackson's house, and of course Dr. Jackson made the appointment. I did not." And in his notes (as he terms them) on my article, he seems to intimate that I never was told that he made the appointment, although as he says, he did tell me the individual who told me any thing of the kind, until I saw it in the Banner of Feb. 7th; or acknowledge that in this I have spoken falsely. In answer to this I am ready to give names in full. On Monday, the 19th of June, Dr. Holman Johnson of St. Albans, informed me that he was present at J. L. Tuttle's meetings the Sabbath previous, and heard him make an appointment at the Methodist meeting house at East Corinth, and also told me Mr. Tuttle said the Methodists had invited him to preach in their house. Likewise Mr. Willard Edmon of Corinth says he was present at the same meeting, and heard Mr. Tuttle make the appointment. And in conclusion, I will just say that this is not a pleasing but painful duty that I have performed, in placing Mr. Tuttle in such an unhappy situation before the public. I designed my first article to spare him, and consequently said nothing more than the exigencies of the case demanded; but he was not satisfied with that, but has pressed me thus publicly to expose him. As to acknowledgments, I have none to make. I am, however, and knowing the man, expect some from him; but leave him and his statements, and the evidence he demands with the public, and leave them to judge who spoke falsely."

J. BENSON.

P. S. CORRECTION.—In my communication, March 18, is an error, I believe it was typographical. Instead of "a few months since," it should have read a few weeks.

For the Herald and Journal.

## PAYMENT OF PREACHERS.

To the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Dear Brothers.—For long time I have observed there was an evil in our cause of collecting quarterly for our preachers. I mean in respect to the time of making payment. It is the general practice to agree to pay in quarterly instalments, and then to pay most of the subscription near the close of the Conference year. The following difficulties invariably attend this method, viz.—the preachers must run in debt for what is necessary for a livelihood, and in so doing he cannot use the economy which he could have had his money; or if he does not run in debt, he is obliged to perform the unpleasant task of calling on the stewards for money; and he is frequently perplexed, and his usefulness thereby diminished.

Also, the brethren and friends who support him, frequently find it difficult making payment at a late date; and sometimes think, because it is so hard paying, that they cannot pay so much the next year.—Thus God's ministers must suffer loss because of the shortness of the friends. Now, brethren, I propose that we call our preachers near the beginning of the quarter; then both they and we will be relieved of all the above named difficulties; all shall profit much better, both temporally and spiritually; and I am sure God will love us more; for we shall be able to pay more cheerfully, and he loves the cheerful giver. How gratifying it would be to a Methodist preacher, when he moves to his new appointment, to receive in a few days his pay for preaching one quarter. He would feel that he was among friends who properly regarded his wants. If one society would be influenced by this short article to pursue the course here recommended, the writer will be amply rewarded.

A. STEWARD.

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## NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY, April 29.

The New England Conference met this morning at the Bromfield Street Church. Bishop Waugh was present, and opened the Conference with singing and prayer. An unusually large number of the members were present, and the business of the Conference was commenced cheerfully and with earnestness.

Charles Adams was appointed Secretary, Luman Boyden, Assistant Secretary.

The following brethren were continued on trial.—

J. Paulson, Spenser Tilston, G. Dunbar, J. Ricketts, H. M. Bridge, J. L. Hanford, P. Wood.

P. Wallingford was located at his own request.—

F. A. Griswold and J. M. Merrill made su-

perannuated.

The following are the Conference committees.

Stewards—P. Crandall, Mark Staple, M. Dwight.

Preachers' Aid Society—W. R. Stone, Joseph Whitman, D. K. Banister.

Missions—T. C. Peirce, A. D. Sergeant, James Porter, H. J. Sanborn, S. Cushing.

Post Offices—I. J. P. Colyer.

American Peace Society—C. S. Macreading, A. D. Merrill, T. W. Tucker.

American Bible Society—Z. A. Mudge, Henry E. Hempstead, David Sherman.

N. E. Educational Society—I. Marcy, Z. B. C. Dunham, T. G. Brown.

Benevolent Societies—B. F. Lambard, Daniel Richards.

Temperance—Wm. Rice, D. K. Merrill, Amasa Taylor.

Slavery—M. Trafton, L. R. Thayer, W. H. Hatch, J. Dennison, G. F. Pool, N. S. Spaulding, C. W. Ainsworth.

Parsonages—D. Kilburn, T. H. Mudge, I. B. Bigelow, J. W. Lewis.

Church Extension—D. S. King, James Shepard, G. W. Frost, J. Cadwell, S. Putman.

Memoirs—J. A. Merrill, C. K. True.

London Convention—I. Marcy, Amos Binney, B. K. Peirce, I. Marcy, F. Nutting.

Discipline—J. S. J. Gridley, W. R. Stone, J. W. Lewis.

Ministerial Support—Horace Moulton, G. W. Bates, William Smith.

Necessitous Cases—W. A. Clapp, W. B. Olds, N. J. Merrill.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference. D. Copeland, N. D. George, of Maine Conference, E. Mason, Dearborn and Aspinwall of N. H. Conference, and Br. Perkins, late of the Oregon Mission.

The following brethren were elected to elder's orders. G. W. Frost, Daniel Richards, D. K. Merrill, B. K. Peirce, A. A. Cook, J. W. Dadman, I. B. Bigelow.

The transaction of some other business, not of general interest, closed the morning session.

The Conference met in the afternoon for the appropriate committees to receive the money contributed to the various benevolent purposes. Father Pickering was appointed to the chair.

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Thursday Morning.—Conference opened with the usual devotional exercises.

Z. A. Mudge, C. K. True and S. Cushing were appointed a committee to superintend the publishing of the Conference Minutes.

I. A. Savage and Wm. Rice were added to the committee on Memoirs.

Joseph Whitman was appointed as second assistant Secretary.

Thomas Marcy continued superannuated.

The following brethren were received in full connection: Loranus Crowell, J. P. Collier, C. L. Eastman, John T. Petee, R. S. Rust, N. E. Cobleigh, J. H. Twombly, R. P. Buffington, Wm. Bardwell, Samuel Turner, Wm. A. Braman, Daniel E. Chapin, W. R. Clark.

The candidates were called to the altar, and addressed in substance as follows, by the Bishop.

This important office is not self-imposed; neither can any church or ecclesiastical body impose it upon us. The minister is called of God. The church is dependent in a great measure for its vitality upon the ministry. "Like priest, like people." As to the position and declare that he did not take the appointment. We give him due credit for his own words, as published in the Banner. "One evening when I preached at the Mills, Dr. Jackson requested me to preach one Sabbath at East Corinth; and informed me that 'the Methodists were willing for the Universalists to occupy their house one-fourth of the Sabbath.' This conversion took place after we had returned from meeting to Dr. Jackson's house, and of course Dr. Jackson made the appointment. I did not." And in his notes (as he terms them) on my article, he seems to intimate that I never was told that he made the appointment, although as he says, he did tell me the individual who told me any thing of the kind, until I saw it in the Banner of Feb. 7th; or acknowledge that in this I have spoken falsely. In answer to this I am ready to give names in full. On Monday, the 19th of June, Dr. Holman Johnson of St. Albans, informed me that he was present at J. L. Tuttle's meetings the Sabbath previous, and heard him make an appointment at the Methodist meeting house at East Corinth, and also told me Mr. Tuttle said the Methodists had invited him to preach in their house. Likewise Mr. Willard Edmon of Corinth says he was present at the same meeting, and heard Mr. Tuttle make the appointment. And in conclusion, I will just say that this is not a pleasing but painful duty that I have performed, in placing Mr. Tuttle in such an unhappy situation before the public. I designed my first article to spare him, and consequently said nothing more than the exigencies of the case demanded; but he was not satisfied with that, but has pressed me thus publicly to expose him. As to acknowledgments, I have none to make. I am, however, and knowing the man, expect some from him; but leave him and his statements, and the evidence he demands with the public, and leave them to judge who spoke falsely."

J. BENSON.

P. S. CORRECTION.—In my communication, March 18, is an error, I believe it was typographical. Instead of "a few months since," it should have read a few weeks.

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SABATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

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Rev. D. S. King explained the purpose of the Union. It was to assist, by providing them books, devoted laborers in desolate portions of the country, in forming Sabbath Schools. These Sabbath Schools are often made the nucleus of an efficient church. It is a department of our domestic mission work.

Superannuated preachers. E. F. Newell, John Parker, C. Virgin, R. D. Easterbrook, Rufus Spalding, E. Kirby, Samuel A. Cushing, Joel Steele, M. Palmer.

E. Kirby, M. Staples and M. Raymond, were appointed a committee to inquire whether there are any available materials sufficient for the compilation of a memoir of our lamented father Merritt, and if so, to recommend a committee to undertake the work, or recommend such other course as in their judgment is calculated to secure this desirable object. Conference adjourned.

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Rev. L. R. Thayer was introduced to the audience. He remarked that this was an age of improvement; and sometimes think, because it is so hard paying, that they cannot pay so much the next year.—Thus God's ministers must suffer loss because of the shortness of the friends. Now, brethren, I propose that we call our preachers near the beginning of the quarter; then both they and we will be relieved of all the above named difficulties; all shall profit much better, both temporally and spiritually; and I am sure God will love us more; for we shall be able to pay more cheerfully, and he loves the cheerful giver. How gratifying it would be to a Methodist preacher, when he moves to his new appointment, to receive in a few days his pay for preaching one quarter. He would feel that he was among friends who properly regarded his wants. If one society would be influenced by this short article to pursue the course here recommended, the writer will be amply rewarded.

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During the meeting, a record of the early history of the church was read by Rev. Charles Adams.

The existence of such a chronicle was new to most of the friends, and was deeply interesting.

Father Taylor closed the exercises, by a few eloquent remarks. We have but alluded to the observations of the venerable brethren who occupied the evening.

Saturday morning session occupied in the examination of character.

Signed by 231 inhabitants of Rockdale.

Sunday.—We are not able to report the numerous appointments of the Sabbath. Brethren were dispersed in every direction, preaching the word. At Bromfield Street, Dr. Peck preached in the morning, after which the deacons were ordained by Bishop Waugh. In the afternoon Prof. Dempster preached at the same place, and the elders were ordained by Bishop Waugh.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS were held in the evening at Church Street and Richmond Street. At the former, Rev. Bros. James Porter and A. Stevens made addresses. About \$200 were contributed. At Richmond Street addresses were delivered by Bros. H. M. Bridge, J. W. Lewis, Shepard King, of Marlboro', and Dyer, layman of Richmond Street. About \$60 were raised.

Z. A. MUDGE.

## LEGACIES.

Brother Emory is correct in presuming brother Lane will rejoice to be informed that a brother in the vicinity of Carlisle has bequeathed \$1000 to the Missionary Society. He rejoices because, in his opinion, it is the best disposition we can make of at least a part of our worldly substance; because he has no doubt it will meet the approbation of Him to whom the gold and silver belong, and of which we are only the stewards; because he is persuaded the donors themselves will be satisfied with their own doings, when they behold, in the light of eternity, to what extent they have contributed to the spread of the Gospel, and how many through the influence of that Gospel have been brought to heaven. Who else will give a thousand dollars to the Missionary Society? Some could give ten thousand, and still leave as much to their children as will do them good. Let the living answer—let the dying.

G. LANE.

P. S. I have had the pleasure of meeting with the committee on education, and of learning somewhat of the educational finances of the Conference. The affairs of the University appear better than we had anticipated. The pledged amount has been nearly all subscribed, but a serious liability besets it. Much of it has been subscribed without the security of notes.

We hope the subscribers have pledged their



## BIOGRAPHICAL.

## A VETERAN GONE.

DAVID WARNER died Jan. 25, aged 78 years. He was born at New Milford, Conn., in the year 1768. Of his parentage and early life we have no information, only that he married and removed to Willsborough, now Essex, on Lake Champlain, where, in 1801, he experienced religion under the ministerial labors of Rev. Laban Clark, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His gifts and graces designated him as a suitable person to fill the responsible office of class leader, to which office he was almost immediately appointed after his accession to the church. Pecuniary considerations induced his removal back to the land of his nativity; but, alas! there were at that time no Methodists residing in New Milford, and Methodism was esteemed and treated by the standing order of the day, as rather a noxious weed, rightfully to be trodden under foot of men. Discouraging as this state of things was, Father Warner, as he was familiarly called among us, knew too much of religious enjoyments, and his mind was too deeply imbued with his important responsibilities, to put his light under a bushel, or to recede from the vocation of his heavenly calling. His solicitude for the salvation of his fellow men prompted him to bring the means of grace more immediately within the circle of his neighbors and former acquaintances; consequently his doors were opened to the heralds of the cross, who enjoyed the hospitalities of his table, and, when need required, improved his house for a chapel. The labors of Father Warner were so acceptable, that the minister in charge, Rev. Oliver Sykes, gave him license to exhort, which was continued by N. Bangs, E. Woolsey, P. Rice, S. Luckey and others, until his removal to Pennsylvania, in 1831, within the bounds of the Oneida Conference. The writer of this had access to his papers, where he found, preserved with care, his licenses and class papers, as testimonials of the confidence and respect of his Christian brethren. When he united with the church in this place, he rather declined sustaining any official relation: he felt the evening shades of life beginning to thicken around him, and his physical strength to be passing away; yet he would sometimes arise as the minister closed his discourse, and exhort the people with much earnestness and affection. Such was the feeble condition of his "outward" man, that he was able to endure but very little manual labor. In the latter part of November last, without any apparent disease, he was confined to his bed, realizing in his own mind that his race was nearly run, and his warfare accomplished. Without any pain or bodily distress, he continued for several weeks in the full possession of his mental faculties, which seemed to soar above the prostrate condition of his earthly tenement. We visited him during his confinement several times, and found it "good to be there"—to hear the man of God, as from the threshold of eternity, declare, in the most collected manner, and in the most confident language, that "all was well." When we were about to retire, he observed, "Brother, I want you to sing and pray before you go." "Sing," said he.